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§1.71. Purpose.

The Woman's Right to Know Act, Health and Safety Code, Chapter 171, states that no person may perform an abortion without the voluntary and informed consent of the woman on whom the abortion is to be performed, and specifies the content of informational materials that must be offered to a woman to support her informed consent. Health and Safety Code, §171.014(d), requires the Department of State Health Services to adopt rules necessary for considering and making changes to the informational materials.

§1.72. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Booklet--"A Woman's Right to Know" information materials specified in Texas Health and Safety Code, §171.014.
- (2) Department--Department of State Health Services.

§1.73. Review Process.

- (a) As required by Health and Safety Code, §171.014(d), the department will review the materials annually to determine if changes to the content of the booklet are necessary.
- (b) If changes are necessary, the department will propose revisions to the booklet in accordance with the following methods and procedures.
  - (1) The department shall propose revisions to the booklet based on current and relevant science and evidence-based literature, medical professional resources, and government health and medical resources.
  - (2) The department shall also review the booklet to ensure that information on available assistance and services is current and that it is consistent with state and federal law.
  - (3) The department will accept comments from stakeholders for at least 30 days on any changes to the booklet proposed by the department.
  - (4) The department will consider comments provided by stakeholders that pertain to the revisions being proposed by the department.
  - (5) Final revisions to the booklet will be guided by peer-reviewed scientific and medical literature, professional resources such as the American College of Gynecologists

and Obstetricians, and government health sources, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health and the Institutes of Medicine.

(c) The department will announce the release of the revised version to stakeholders and post the revised edition of the booklet on the department's website and in print in English and in Spanish.

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